

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The present invention relates to transgenic insect or transgenic insect cells. The level of expression of dhr96 or a homologue thereof is reduced relative to the level of expression of dhr96 or the homologue thereof in a non-transgenic insect or non-transgenic insect cell. ~~methods of screening for potential insecticidal agents using genes encoding proteins that regulate xenobiotic detoxification in insects. In particular the invention relates to methods of using insect nuclear hormone receptor genes, in particular dhr96 or homologues thereof and/or their promoters. Such methods employ inter alia transgenic cells and/or transgenic whole organisms in which one or more nuclear hormone receptor gene is deleted or under-expressed.~~